



# Just Good Friends

## September 2024 Newsletter

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### REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

<b>MONDAYS</b>	1pm - 3.30pm	<b>DRAMA CLASS</b> at the Links Pub, Heeley Road, St Annes. Please call Bev if you are interested to let her know you wish to attend
	1pm - 4pm	<b>PLAY AND CONNECT:</b> Chat, Games, Dominoes, Cribbage at the Links Pub
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	1pm - 4pm	<b>PARTY WITH PURPOSE:</b> Entertainment, dancing, food, fun and laughter at the Victoria Pub, Church Road, St Annes with Johnny Roxx and other entertainers.
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	10.30 - 12 noon	<b>WEDNESDAY WARMTH</b> at St Annes Palace, 18, Garden Street, St Annes. Tea/ coffee/biscuits and chat.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6.30 pm	<b>CURRY &amp; COMPANY:</b> Friends get-together at the Water's Edge, Heyhouses Lane, St Annes.
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	10am	<b>YOUR PACE OR MINE:</b> Fitness walk round Fairhaven Lake then meet up for coffee in the café.
	12 noon	<b>CUE CONNECTIONS:</b> Snooker Club at the Victoria Pub, Church Road, St Annes
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	2pm -4pm	<b>FUN AND FELLOWSHIP</b> at the Well Community Hub, St Albans Road, St Annes - Tea and chat with speakers and activities. Quiz -Bingo -Music
<b>SUNDAY</b>	12.30pm	<b>GATHER &amp; DINE</b> Lunch at the Clifton Park Hotel. Contact Sheila to book 01253 374009 or 07486 466855 or Contact Beryl for The Water's Edge 07530 588037.

### Saturday at the Well Community Centre 2pm - 4pm SEPTEMBER

7th	Jon's 'Name The Place' Quiz
14th	What number?? A guessing game
21st	Family Fortunes
28th	Bingo

### THE VIC PUB ST ANNES - 1pm-4pm every **TUESDAY - September** programme below and also at The Vic our latest venture on

3rd	-	Paul Allen
10th	-	Johnny Roxx
17th	-	Marianne
24th	-	Paul Allen

### **FRIDAYS** for our Private Members' Snooker Club with Darts

**PS: Alan James is still our Snooker champion. Anyone up for the challenge???**

### The 75 Club Draw

There was no draw this month.



If you wish to take part in the Draw, have a chat with Jean Mason at any of the meetings on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and she will be happy to give you all the details.



### Afternoon Tea at the Glendower

We had a lovely Afternoon Tea in August celebrating everyone's birthday during the whole year. Lots of birthday love to everyone. Bev



### Chatter Bench

We are partnering with Fylde Borough Council to have a Chatter Bench in St Annes Square.

It would be great if you would have your picture taken with the bench

**12.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

Please contact Bev for further information.



### September Birthdays

- 3 Isla Jebson
- 3 Gregory Rutter
- 5 Valerie Rochford
- 7 Peter Conlan
- 7 Glennis Rutter
- 12 Jean Hunt
- 12 Carol Lawrence
- 12 Donald Norman
- 19 Joanne Campbell
- 20 Pat Murphy
- 23 Doug Atkinson
- 23 Ann Jones
- 23 Kenneth Tyldesley
- 26 Linda Bradburn
- 26 Bernard Worsfold
- 27 Janet Albion

Happy birthday to all with September birthdays & congratulations to those of you with extra 'special' birthdays.

### Member subscriptions - due 1st October 2023

If you would like to renew and pay your annual membership (£15 per person or £25 per couple) straight into Just Good Friends' bank account see details below:

**Sort Code 16-23-13;**

**Account Name: Just Good Friends; (North West) Ltd**

**Account No: 10145809**

**ensuring that you put your name as a reference**

## JGF DINING OUT

### Wednesdays:

Bev books a table at various venues for us on a Wednesday after our meeting at St Annes Palace. Please let her know if you would like to join us. **Her number is 07557 734233.**

### Thursdays:

#### **CURRY NIGHT**

Curry Night at the Water's Edge on Heyhouses Lane is a great evening out - come and join us every Thursday 6.30pm.

Please call Bev if you would like to attend.

#### **SUNDAY LUNCH - 12.30pm**

We meet at both the Water's Edge and Clifton Park hotel on Clifton Drive South. If you would like to join us at the Water's Edge call **Beryl Dale on 07530 588037**. To meet at Clifton Park call **Sheila on 07486 466855**.

**The food is great at both venues and it's a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon after lunch with friends.**

### LOVELY POEM ENTITLED

#### **DAYS GONE BY**

**Written by our Emma Little**

*Fields and highways were our playground every night  
Hide-and-seek under the street light.  
The screech of bats skimming close to our heads  
Surely its time that we were in our beds.  
Hop-sotch on the pavement - One Two Three Four  
Who's that shouting from the door?  
'Its time to come in' shouts sister or brother  
'Come in now or you'll be in bother'.  
The woods where we had picnics,  
Gathered bluebells and nuts from the trees,  
Blackberries and crab apples to make pies for our teas  
I will never forget the times that we had  
Life in those days was not all that bad.*

Oh that brought back a lot of childhood memories didn't it? Has anyone else got a poem about happy childhood days? If you have, pass them to Bev



Just a few *Memories* from our first pictorial Newsletters as we reach our 12th Year Anniversary

**December 2017**



John Burgess (JGF Treasurer in 2017) with Bev after winning 'Delia' the Unicorn in a raffle which at that time became JGF's mascot.

A group of 33 people visited Media City, Manchester and Bev was taken by surprise when she was told that one of her wishes was about to come true as she was given 2 tickets to go on a tour of the BBC studios. During the tour they were asked for volunteers so Bev volunteered to be the news presenter and Julie volunteered to be the weather girl! it was really interesting and fun.

All in all it was a wonderful trip, and everyone enjoyed the different aspects of the tour. A grand day out and yes, some wishes do come true!

**June 2018**



**September 2019**

**Prosecco & Pop Picnic in the Park**

The weather was beautiful as we gathered for the Picnic in the park. Everyone wanted a Just Good Friends Mug and what better way to christen our Mugs but with



**April 2020** - Marlene Hogg winner of Play Your Cards Right at St Annes Tennis Club (event from early March)



**November 2020** - We asked if members would like to knit or crochet squares during the lock-down with this being the final result. So many people came together and got



to work and then one of our members reunited all the squares to make this very beautiful memory of how we all came together to create something beautiful - we've even got a rainbow at the top.

**May 2020** - Three of our members Kathleen Gell, Helen Munn & Kathleen O'Brien were happy to receive plants delivered by our wonderful volunteers.





**May 2021** Lockdown had finally been lifted and we were at last allowed contact with friends albeit limited. We met in Ashton Gardens whenever possible with the allowed distance.



Julie Rogers, Graham & Ellen Thomas

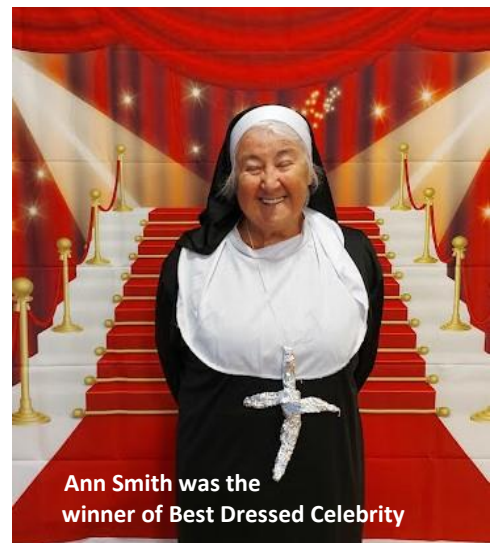
**July 2021** - In July we celebrated all the birthdays we had missed during the pandemic. Pics L-R: Helen Munn & Johnny Roxx, Joanne Campbell & David Cowan



**December 2021** - After juggling with dates due to various restrictions we at last had the Wild West Party with many members dressed in the Wild West theme and it certainly was Wild but everyone agreed it was worth the wait.



**November 2022** - Our Night at the Movies where everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves all dressed up as Movie Stars.



Ann Smith was the winner of Best Dressed Celebrity

**April 2022** - Fantastic weather for a 3 day holiday to Wales with trips into Chester and Afternoon Tea on the river Dee and before returning home we visited Portmerion (remember the TV show The Prisoner?). A brilliant time leaving us looking forward to more away trips.



**June 2023**

Our good friend and patron Anne Nolan with Joyce Day.

Anne has supported us for many years and has visited us on many occasions including attending and entertaining us at some events.

Thanks you for your support Anne, we are always pleased to have you with us.





### August 2023 - The Prince's Trust

We had a fabulous time at the Links when the team from the Prince's Trust came to do Bongo Bingo with us. It was great fun and everyone joined in the spirit of the event.



### October 2023 - Our Carry On Fundraiser

Another fabulous evening with many people wearing appropriate costumes. Below: Claire Pison, Jean Wyatt-Gunning, Dorothy Shenton, Sheila Gardner & Barbara Shepherd



April 2024 - A welcome cuppa having just completed a Fitness Walk round Fairhaven Lake

### January 2024 - Keep Fit & Dance Group

(not their usual strip - this was the group's festive December meeting)

If there is one thing you can rely on when you attend a Just Good Friends event it is that there will always be brilliant food available: you will never go home hungry.



Our many functions are mostly catered for by volunteers and in particular our own Julie so our Keep Fit and Fitness Walk round Fairhaven Lake are very welcome keeping us well exercised.

*And so we reach the anniversary celebrating 12 years of Just Good Friends. Along the way we have witnessed many special relationships develop among members and many of us have made new and lasting friendships. We have enjoyed wonderful social events, trips out, carnivals, dinners, dancing, singing, drama events and well I could go on - all made possible through an enormous amount of hard work and dedication from many volunteers but most of all Bev. So I just want to say to her on behalf of us all that whereas she often says she couldn't do what she does without us, in truth, neither could we do what we do without her! Thank you very much Bev, and congratulations !!*

